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Applicants: Chong-Jin Oon et al.
Serial No.: CPA of 09/362,394 Examiner: D. Wortman
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Sir:

NOTICE OF APPEAL FROM THE EXAMINER'S DECISION TO
THE BOARD OF PATENT APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the decision of the Examiner mailed March 13, 2003 finally rejecting pending claims 69-105 in the above-identified application.

Applicants are concurrently filing a Petition for Three-month Extension of Time. Accordingly, this Notice of Appeal is being timely filed.

The required fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(b) for filing a Notice of Appeal is THREE HUNDRED TWENTY DOLLARS (\$320.00) and a check in this amount is enclosed.

If a telephone interview would be of assistance in advancing prosecution of the subject application, applicants' undersigned attorneys invite the Examiner to telephone them at the number provided below.

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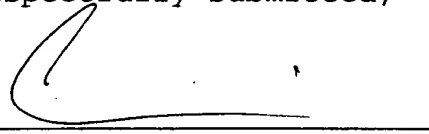
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No fee, other than the enclosed \$320.00 fee for filing a Notice of Appeal, is deemed necessary in connection with the filing of this Notice of Appeal. However, if an additional fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

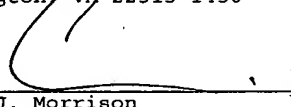
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